

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 1, 2017 6:30 p.m.**  
**Rumford Falls Auditorium**

PRESENT: Chairperson Jeffrey Sterling, Vice-Chairperson Mark Belanger, Selectperson Michael Peter Chase, Selectperson James Windover, Selectperson Christopher Brennick and Town Manager Linda-Jean Briggs.

ATTENDEES: Terri Palmer, Steve Dymont, Candice Casey, R. L. Pratt, Diana Pratt, Kevin Knox

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Sterling
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Public Hearing:     Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Le Paresseux Club  
                              Special Amusement Permit for The Lure

No comments were made on either item.

4. Special Presentation or Award
5. Comments

A. Public Comment

Steve Dymont read two prepared statements thanking Chairperson Sterling and Vice-Chairperson Belanger for their service to the Town.

Candice Casey shared her concern about lice in the public schools and requested that the Annual Town Meeting be moved from the Mountain Valley High School to another location.

Mr. Brennick responded to these comments.

B. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Report  
6/1/2017

- Working with Brookfield to set up a tour
- Attended De-Mystifying Tax Increment Financing in Augusta—very informative, provided us with examples of how we can make TIF districts work to enhance economic development
- Attended visual display terminal training
- Attended the water board meeting
- Attended Salt Priority seminar along with the members of Public Works—will discuss this philosophical change with the superintendent upon his return
- We will rebid the winter sand bid based on the shift to salt priority in some locations.

- Authorized stipend, according to past practice, for Bob Chase who is continuing to serve both as Code Enforcement and Fire Chief
- The top two granite steps have been replaced –The architect and I examined them and concur the project is complete
- I received three bids to address the configuration of the town manager office. The project falls within my purchasing policy level so I will hire Paul Jacobsen for the construction at an estimated \$2130.00 and Doug Duguay for electrical at an estimated \$400.00
- I am presenting for your signature a letter of support for our efforts to move forward on a Northern Border Regional Commission grant. This request would be put towards infrastructure installation of Liquid natural gas and broadband in the commercial Island area.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Resolve. Second by Mr. Windover. Vote: 5-0

C. Department Head or Committee Chair Report (as needed)

There were no reports.

D. Selectperson's Report

Mr. Brennick reported attending the latest Rumford Water District Board of Trustees meeting where the proposed agreement with Nestle Water's Poland Springs was discussed. He made copies of the slide show for all Board members. The full agreement is available at the Rumford Water District and he will attempt to get this by email to distribute to the Board. There will be a meeting on July 12, 2017 for a public comment session on the proposed agreement. Next week is graduation and a big week for the kids to be congratulated. He wished Mark Belanger good luck on his re-election and thanked him for his service to the community. He also thanked Jeff Sterling for his service to the Town for many years and the leadership he provided as Chairperson.

Mr. Chase attended a Meet the Candidates Night on May 23, 2017 hosted by Envision Rumford. He thought it was a great opportunity for candidates to get their opinions out to the public. He noted that only three candidates of the five running were present to give their opinions to the public. He recently attended a meeting at Black Mountain Ski Area where an event for ATV's is being planned for this coming October. He wished Mark Belanger good luck in his upcoming election and Jeff Sterling was thanked for his service to the Town.

Mr. Windover thanked Jeff Sterling for his many years of dedicated service to the Town of Rumford. He also noted that he has gotten to know Mark Belanger and Steve Dymant and believes they have the best interests of the town at heart.

Mr. Belanger thanked Jeff Sterling for the years he sat on the Select Board and that they could disagree without being disagreeable. He noted that he has been working with Steve Dymant and believes that he would make a great Selectman. He noted that he had an eye appointment on the day of the Meet the Candidates Night.

Mr. Sterling shared parting thoughts as his term on the Select Board ends in June 2017. He complimented Town Manager Linda-Jean Briggs and called her a pro's pro and encouraged others to give her a chance and support her. He also gave thanked the employees of the Town for their work and that he will miss them all.

Mr. Sterling also noted that he attended the Rumford Water District Meeting last night and found the level of conversation was much the same. He noted that a question came up as to why the Rumford Water District did not sponsor a non-binding question on the June ballot for the citizens to vote upon the water issue. He believes the responsibility for the Water District was to ask their rate payers, not necessarily the whole town, but it is their choice. At the Rumford Water District's December 7, 2016 meeting, people asked him how to get a non-binding question on the ballot in June and he explained to them what they had to do. He noted that they would have to get back to the Board in a timely manner, but no one got back to the Board with this request; that is why there is no question on the June ballot.

Mr. Chase asked if a time and a date for the Organization Meeting should be scheduled at this time.

Mr. Brennick noted that it is a normal week for the Select Board to meet and asked if we could have the regular meeting on Wednesday that week instead of Thursday [to hold the Organizational Meeting at that same time].

Mr. Sterling noted that it is usually a very busy day on Election Day and that two Board members will be present at the American Legion serving as Warden and Deputy Warden.

Mr. Brennick suggested setting the meeting for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Mr. Windover made a motion to set the Select Board's Organizational Meeting for Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Second by Mr. Chase. Vote: 4-0-1, Mr. Sterling abstained.

Candice Casey asked for the Town Manager to address some questions that she had asked previously regarding the status of the Downtown Project and Code Officer position.

Mr. Chase responded that the Town Manager had already addressed the Downtown Project.

The Town Manager responded that she does not discuss personnel matters in public.

Steve Dymant noted that he is a Haz-Mat driver and his license was up for renewal and did not attend the Meet the Candidate Night because he was at the TSA for fingerprinting.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from Select Board Meeting of May 18, 2017

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Select Board Meeting of May 18, 2017. Second by Mr. Windover.

Mr. Chase noted there were a couple errors in the minutes: Item 7C, (page 3) Chief Chase should say Chief Carter, Vote of 5-0 should say Vote 3-2.

Mr. Belanger and Mr. Windover amended their motion and second to include the corrections.

Vote on the corrected minutes: 5-0

B. Approval of the Town Warrant dated June 2, 2017

Mr. Windover made a motion to approve the Town Warrant dated June 2, 2017. Second by Mr. Brennick. Vote: 5-0

C. Awarding of Bid for Town Vehicle

The following bids were received by the Town Manager:

2017 Ford Escape

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| 1. Farmington Ford | \$23,712.24 |
| 2. Bailey Ford     | \$23,274.95 |

2017 Toyota RAV 4

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| 1. Charlies Toyota      | \$30,951.00 |
| 2. Emerson Toyota       | \$27,383.00 |
| 3. Central Maine Toyota | \$25,600.00 |

The Town Manager recommended accepting the bid from Bailey Ford and also noted that we received a check from the insurance company for \$3,875.00 on the previous Town Vehicle that was totaled in an accident in February.

Mr. Brennick made a motion to accept the bid from Bailey Brothers for \$23,274.95. Second by Mr. Chase.

Mr. Windover asked if there are funds set aside for this purchase.

The Town Manager responded that there are funds for this purchase in the Capital Fund.

Mr. Chase noted that this was an emergency as the Town Vehicle was totaled in a collision.

Mr. Brennick believes this vehicle saves the Town money for travel expenses and was a part of the negotiations with the new Town Manager.

The Town Manager noted that she has been using her own vehicle for Town business and that during contract negotiations it was discussed that there would be a Town vehicle to use for Town business.

Vote: 3-2, Mr. Belanger and Mr. Windover opposed.

D. Approval of Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Le Paresseux Club

Mr. Windover made a motion to approve the Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Le Paresseux Club. Second by Mr. Belanger. Vote: 5-0

E. Approval of Special Amusement Permit for The Lure

Mr. Brennick made a motion to approve the Special Amusement Permit for The Lure. Second by Mr. Windover. Vote: 5-0

F. Request from The Lure for Extension of Liquor License to Outside Deck Area

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the request from The Lure for an extension of their Liquor License to the outside deck area. Second by Mr. Windover.

Chairperson Sterling noted that the deck is 16x24 with two locked gates and entrance from the restaurant.

Vote: 5-0

G. Request from Dana Levasseur dba Mr. and Mrs. Sausage for Overnight Parking Permission

Mr. Windover made a motion to approve the request from Dana Levasseur, dba Mr. and Mrs. Sausage, for overnight parking. Second by Mr. Belanger.

The Town Manager noted that the request for overnight parking was on the last agenda with the Hawker and Peddler License approval, but because of an oversight the motion did not include the dates requested for overnight parking. She approved the first dates requested for Memorial Day weekend as the Board would not be meeting in time to approve those dates. The motion tonight should only include the dates near the July 4 holiday and in October.

Mr. Windover and Mr. Belanger amended their motions to include the specific overnight parking dates of June 28-July 2 and October 12-October 16. Vote: 5-0

H. Request from Mike Philbrick dba The Apple Crisp Cart for Overnight Parking Permission

Mr. Windover made a motion to approve the request from Mike Philbrick, dba The Apple Crisp Cart, for overnight parking from October 12-October 17. Second by Mr. Belanger. Vote: 5-0

I. Resignation from Frank DiConzo from RSU 10 School Board and Town Planning Board

Chairperson Sterling read the resignation letter from Frank DiConzo into the record.

Chairperson Sterling made a motion to accept the resignation from Frank DiConzo from the Planning Board and RSU 10 School Board with gratitude for what he has done for this town. Second by Mr. Belanger. Vote: 5-0

Chairperson Sterling noted that the resignation is effective on June 12, 2017.

In discussion, the Board would like to discuss the process of filling this position.

J. \*Appointment of Warden and Deputy Warden for Annual Town Meeting and Election Meeting

Mr. Belanger made a motion to appoint Jim Windover as Warden. Second by Mr. Windover. Vote: 4-0-1, Mr. Windover abstained.

Mr. Belanger made a motion to appoint Peter Chase as Deputy Warden. Second by Mr. Windover. Vote: 4-0-1, Mr. Chase abstained.

K. \*Request to Eliminate Night Time Hours for Voter Registrar

Mr. Belanger made a motion to approve the request to eliminate night time hours for the Voter Registrar. Second by Mr. Windover. Vote: 5-0

8. Adjournment

Chairperson Sterling made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Brennick. Vote: 5-0

Linda-Jean Briggs  
Town Manager

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